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Faculty revises honesty policy

Professors seek to clarify murky academic dishonesty rules

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The Northwest Faculty Senate passed a proposal to revise the Academic Integrity policy.

The Faculty Senate passed the proposal March 1, but it will still need to be endorsed by the Provost and Board of Regents before the proposal becomes an official policy.

The policy is meant to refine the academic dishonesty policy by doing a number of things. This includes providing more privacy between faculty and students, giving students their due process when a charge is placed against them, by providing better support and guidance to professors, and by allowing student and faculty to help determine the punishment for academic dishonesty case by case.

The Academic Integrity policy states: “The proposal is intended to improve Academic Integrity at Northwest in five main ways: by empowering faculty to use professional discretion in determining course-

level sanctions appropriate to severity of offense and perceived student intent, to provide a structure for future implementation of education-prevention materials and curricular options, to better ensure students’ due process rights, to provide better guidance for faculty and appeals committees in determining whether a violation has occurred and by adding a level of student-faculty review for administrative consequences.”

Department of Language, Literature, and Writing Associate Professor and Assistant Chair Richard Sonnenmoser, who also serves on the Academic Advisory Committee, wrote the policy because he felt the old system was not working. His new policy will get rid of the two-strike system and replace it with an Academic Integrity Panel.

“The main goal here is to reduce the amount of academic dishonesty at Northwest,” Sonnenmoser said. “That’s what we’re trying to achieve. I also think that the Academic Integrity Panel will do a lot of good toward educating faculty, stu-

dents and staff about what our community standards are when it comes to academic integrity.”

The new code would prevent students from being expelled automatically based on the number of offenses, but would not remove the punishment of expulsion all together. Particularly severe or pattern offenders may still be expelled—on the first or fourth offense.

Instead, the panel would hold a hearing, and students and faculty on the Academic Integrity Panel would then come up with their own punishment for the student. The group might decide, in some cases, what is necessary is remediation or further education on the rules. In other cases, perhaps a suspension would be recommended; it would all depend on the situation.

The old policy also gave the students an if they were to reach their second strike from academic dishonesty.

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Northwest to host portion of D-II national tournament

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Tournament fever strikes Maryville as a new national spotlight shines on Bearcat Arena.

For the first time in Northwest history, the University will be hosting the Central Region of the Division II Men’s Basketball Championship Tournament March 11-12, with a regional championship game March 14.

As a city with so much pride in its University, testaments to that pride can be seen on nearly every street. City Manager Greg McDaniel said this is going to be a great weekend for all Bearcat fans.

“I think it’s great,” McDaniel said. “It’s never happened here before and I’m happy it’s happening. I’m hap-

py the visitors will get to come and see, hopefully, a Bearcat victory and get to come down the Fourth Street Corridor and see the paws and the Bearcat sign, and see the pride our community has in our team.”

Head basketball coach Ben McCollum agreed with McDaniel about the importance of promoting how the Maryville community feels about the University. McCollum stressed how important athletics is to recruiting. Not only for more athletes, but for the general student population.

“I think (the tournament) gives a little more buzz to Northwest,” McCollum said during a press conference interview with Missourian Sports Editor Isaiah Swann. “Students obviously come here for the academics, but how do you get students

to come here for those academics? Marketing... One of our best marketing tools is our athletics. It’s free advertising. We go to Kansas City and we play in front of 6,000 people... we’re also on Kansas City TV down there. The football team gets into the national title game. All of that is free marketing for Northwest Missouri State. And that’s why you have athletics to generate more student involvement and to obviously produce great student athletes for success outside of Northwest.”

Furthermore, this tournament will also have a definite effect on the city’s commerce and traffic population as teams and their fans flood Maryville’s various restaurants and streets.

McDaniel also said this wave of people makes this tournament a positive for all citizens, regardless of

their association to the University.

“This is definitely a win for Maryville businesses,” McDaniel said. “The influx of visitors is going to help with our economy and sales.”

Residents, business owners, police and University and Maryville officials have spent weeks preparing for this surge in population.

University Police Department (UPD) Chief Clarence Green said UPD has been working with Northwest Athletics for a month, anticipating this tournament would take place at Bearcat Arena. Since UPD had no past tournament at Northwest to base its planning on, Green said relying on schools that have hosted it in the past has been essential.

“We talked with some schools that have hosted these kinds of tournaments in the past and learned the

main influx of people isn’t going to be as bad as some people think,” Green said. “What we’ve heard from other schools is that there are roughly 300 fans per team that arrive. The largest crowd will be when we play, and we have a capacity within the venue and we don’t exceed that capacity. We’ve already seen that peak a few times this year.”

The main issue UPD will address, Green said, is not dealing with the extra fans, but the extended hours.

“What we are looking at is an increase in officers because the games start at noon and go roughly until midnight,” Green said. “We’re going to be looking at long days with multiple officers switching in and out.”

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NEWS BRIEFS

First United Methodist Church of Maryville to host blood drive

A local Maryville church will sponsor a blood drive in cooperation with the Community Blood Center.

The First United Methodist Church of Maryville will host the blood drive March 17 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Maryville community last worked with the Community Blood Center in January, when the Northwest Student Senate sponsored a three-day blood drive to help combat the nation’s blood shortage.

However, First United Methodist Church’s blood drive is aimed at helping keep a steady supply of blood in local blood centers to prevent another shortage.

While the nation is not in a shortage and blood centers are meeting blood requirements, the need for donors is present, as someone is always in need of blood.

Community Blood Center needs 500 donors each day to meet the needs of area hospitals. Community Blood Center sends out almost 3,600 units of blood each week to treat patients in nearly 60 area hospitals.

For Evie Church, a longtime volunteer at the First United Methodist Church, donating blood is an easy way to give back.

“I think it is a good community thing; it is something people definitely need and there is a daily need for blood,” Church said. “Also, if there is a severe accident, there is an even greater need for blood, and it is just something I feel I can do to give back to the community.”

If you are interested in donating, go to the First United Methodist Church March 17 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The First United Methodist Church of Maryville is located on 102 N. Main St.

University pushes back summer and fall pre-registration

Northwest officials have delayed pre-registration due to an uncertain fall class schedule.

Northwest officials announced March 7 that summer and fall pre-registration has been pushed back to March 27. Summer and fall pre-registration was initially scheduled to begin March 13.

The pre-registration delay is the result of pending budget cut decisions. The pending decisions may affect the fall class schedule.

A drive-through coffee house will open in Maryville this weekend

After slight delays due to acquiring building materials, a new Maryville coffee shop is ready for a soft open.

Scooter’s Coffee announced it will be opening its Maryville location March 11. The coffee will not host a grand opening, but will start to serve Maryville residents invited to the soft opening. Maryville City Manager Greg McDaniel announced the opening via Twitter and expressed excitement in relation to the new coffee shop.

“Scooter’s Coffee is looking to have a soft opening Saturday,” McDaniel said. “At some point after the soft opening with their invitees, they’ll turn on the lights, turn the sign to open and open to the public. We hope all things go considerably well for them this week, and that they are open to the public by the weekend.”

Scooter’s Coffee is located at 1308 South Main Street.

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Maryville R-II School District will continue to offer protections to transgender students

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A local school district will remain consistent with protections provided to all students, despite a guideline change made at the federal level in regard to transgender students' rights.

Feb. 22, the Trump administration rescinded the Obama administration's guidance, providing protections for transgender students in public school districts. Last May, the Obama administration, through the Justice and Education departments, passed on a "Dear Colleague" letter to public school districts throughout the country. In the letter, the Obama administration mandated every public K-12 school district, state education association and high school athletic association to include protections to transgender students within their Title IX policy. The Obama administration stated the previously mentioned public institutions "must not treat a transgender student differently from the way it treats other students of the same gender identity."

Under the Trump administration, the Justice and Education departments reversed the Obama administration's guidance, stating the letter did not "contain extensive legal analysis or explain how the position is consistent with the language of Title IX, nor did they undergo any formal public process. This interpretation has given rise to significant litigation regarding school restrooms and locker rooms." The two departments also stated there "must be due regard for the primary role of states and local school districts in establishing educational policy," according to National Public Radio.

Maryville R-II School District Superintendent Becky Albrecht said despite recent action at the federal level, the district will continue to provide all students protection under its "Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation" policy.

"Depending on what attorney you visit with, you might get different counsel," Albrecht said. "But our stance has been the same, and it will probably continue to be the same."

The Maryville R-II School Dis-



A coalition of over 50 LGBTQ rights organizations and New York Elected Officials held an emergency rally to oppose Trump attack on Trans Students at the Stonewall National Monument in New York City, on February 23, 2017

trict neither possesses a specific policy addressing transgender students, nor a policy designating locations or facilities such as locker rooms and restrooms. Albrecht said the district does not distinguish policies based on gender.

"We have the same resources available for our students, regardless of what the issues may be," Albrecht said. "They can seek those people (guidance counselors and/or social workers) out, or those people will seek them out and give them the opportunity to talk or refer them to agencies or support groups throughout the community."

The Maryville R-II School Dis-

trict provides students access to male and female bathrooms, as well as unisex bathrooms. Albrecht said the district's facilities seem to work for students.

"To date, we've really not had an issue or a complaint," Albrecht said.

Opponents argue that school districts, state education associations and high school athletic associations should neither be allowed such flexibility in regard to the interpretation of Title IX nor be able to decide what accommodations to make for transgender students.

"Transgender students should be allowed to use the restroom that they identify with, period. Forcing

them to use restrooms of the gender that they were born with is unethical," Northwest freshman Daphne Bergren said.

Bergren worries such flexibility poses potential risks and may hinder transgender students' safety.

"I am afraid that transgender students will be threatened in the bathrooms," Bergren said. "I also fear they will be threatened and nothing will be done about it. It is becoming more legal to harm people who identify as transgender or non-conforming. I am afraid the rate of suicide in the (transgender) community will rise, as there have been studies done that show after

marriage equality was legalized, the suicide rate in the community went down. I am afraid that the work we have done in the past ten years has been erased, (and) that it will be difficult to rebuild."

In response to potential repercussions, Bergren advises students to stand up and support their transgender peers.

"It is important now, more than ever, that we stand together to protect our transgender peers," Bergren said. "Some states are taking action on their own and instating inclusive laws, which is a wonderful step that we should all fight for."



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SAC temporarily shelves spring concert



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SAC recently announced that its spring concert will not happen for this year.

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The Northwest Student Activities Council (SAC) will be replacing its spring 2017 concert. SAC Vice President Shyla Kallhoff said the decision to replace the spring concert follows the results of a survey conducted this fall.

“We did a survey, and most people said they would rather have one bigger concert than two smaller concerts, so that’s what we based our decision off of,” Kallhoff said. “It’s up to the concert director in regards to bringing back two concerts or sticking with one. I think next year we’ll probably do one again.”

The organization plans to hold an event in lieu of the spring concert. SAC Director of Concert Programming Ali Stott said the organization took student feedback into consideration when planning an alternate event.

“We did a survey back in the fall, and people were leaning toward doing something different like having a DJ come to campus,” Stott said. “We’re leaning towards an event similar to that, so that’s why we changed

our idea from a small concert to something different.”

Stott said the event is still in the planning phase.

“We kind of have something set,” Stott said. “It is going through a contract right now, so we can’t really say (what it is), but we’ll be announcing it in the next couple weeks.”

Although the organization cannot announce what the event will entail, it was able to announce time, date and location details. The alternate event will take place April 7 at 7 p.m. in the Rec Center. SAC will release more details about the alternative event via social media, event fliers and posters and various media outlets.

Kallhoff encourages students upset by SAC’s decision to replace the spring 2017 concert to look forward to the fall 2017 concert.

“We’re going to bring in bigger and better names,” Kallhoff said. “We had a great fall concert this past semester, and we’re looking forward to building on that.”

SAC sent a list of potential artists via Bearcat Link Feb. 28. The list of potential artists included Chase Rice, All Time Low, Lil Dicky, Hailee Steinfeld, Andy Grammer, Charlie Puth, Jon Bellion, Logic, Selena Gomez and

Tyga. As of March 3, 1,400 students responded to the survey. Kallhoff said based off survey results, seven out of 10 contenders vie for top artist or artists.

“The ones that are doing the best are Chase Rice, All Time Low, Lil Dicky and Jon Bellion,” Kallhoff said. “All of them are pretty close right now; and all the artists are definitely contenders.”

Kallhoff said SAC will close the artist survey the week of March 6, after the organization receives a few more responses.

Stott said following survey completion, SAC will continue to communicate with its middle agent and likely distribute another survey with other potential artists.

SAC hopes to announce the name of the artist to appear at the fall concert during the beginning of the school year fireworks show.

Stott says she is looking forward to the fall concert and the seeing the planning process come together.

“I’m really looking forward to it being bigger,” Stott said. “Since we made the decision to put most of our budget for the concert towards one show, it will be a bigger production, and hopefully we will get somebody that everyone really enjoys.”

NEWS BRIEF

Voting for Student Senate election moved to CatPAWS

The Northwest Student Senate changes voting policies after hammering out issues with the Office of Student Involvement.

Student Senate was notified

by the Office of Student Involvement that the voting process on Bearcat Link did not work, so voting has been switched back to CatPAWS for the elections starting March 13.

With the way voting is set up, students simply need to log into CatPAWS, go to the “Student” tab and click on “Voting and Polls.” CatPAWS will automatically open the ballots you

are eligible for.

If the Student Senate would have gone through Bearcat Link, the program would not have opened the proper ballots for the proper people.

Student Senate President Hannah Sears said the Senate pushed for Bearcat Link to be made available for voting, and they had high hopes that it would be ready for next year.

Huddle House’s move to Maryville postponed

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A 24-hour diner-style restaurant chain will not open in Maryville for now, despite announcement of its pending arrival a year ago.

In February 2016, Huddle House revealed it would settle in Maryville after selecting a site to construct a new establishment. The debut never happened.

Director of Franchise Development for Huddle House Jeff Hood said talks between the franchisee and future property owner stalled after the announcement went public.

“They couldn’t get to terms with the space,” Hood said. “That deal fell through.”

Nodaway County Economic Development Director Josh McKim said the situation’s demise resulted from the early disclosure.

“Huddle House’s announcement adversely impacted the ability for it to open up in Maryville,” McKim said. “Land pricing negotiations were not complete at the time of announcement, and once that came out, it became more difficult to negotiate.”

Hood confirmed Huddle House had selected a site by the time of announcement, but preferred not to

divulge the location.

McKim said the Huddle House error is a prime reason why his department maintains restraint concerning new economic developments.

“You have to keep a certain level of quiet when you’re doing projects,” McKim said.

Hood said regardless of the setback, Huddle House continues to show interest in the community.

“From a demographic standpoint, it looks good,” Hood said. “You’ve got the University, which plays well for us. If we could find the right person, we’d be all over it. Often, the problem we find in the

small towns is that not a lot of people have the ability to (be a franchisee). Eventually, I think we’ll get someone in that market.”

Huddle House is “a Southern diner franchise known for ‘round-the-clock breakfast, Southern hospitality and being the best place to gather in any hometown,’” according to its website.

Hood indicated Huddle House is open to expanding into other areas of eastern Missouri as well.

McKim said his department is actively seeking out beneficial businesses for Maryville, including, but not limited to, Dunkin’ Donuts.

“Dunkin’ Donuts and a number of other restaurants and small businesses are ones we have targeted in the past five to 10 years,” McKim said. “We remain in discussion with all of those that fit our markets. It’s a little difficult with Dunkin’ Donuts, because it has a location in St. Joseph. We seem to be far enough away, that it makes sense though.”

McKim had no imminent information on new businesses launching in Maryville, and strictly emphasized they remain only in discussion with Dunkin’ Donuts.


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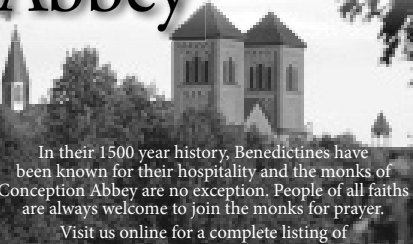
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Students share contrasting views

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Northwest students, native and international, gathered together to discuss transgender rights in their respective countries March 3.

This meeting was held at the B.D. Owens Library in room 108 at 3 p.m. Every first Friday of the month throughout the school year is greeted with ‘First Friday Cultural Talks,’ where students get together and give individual experiences pertaining to the country they come from.

The First Friday Cultural Talks began Sept. 4, 2015 in the Student Union Living Room.

Students from Nepal, India, Nigeria, the Bahamas, Korea and more came to discuss and listen to what was shared.

International freshman student Pawan Ghising’s home country is Nepal, where he lived until coming to the United States for further education.

Ghising comes from a background of people being less than friendly towards transgender people.

“There are less transgender people in our country,” Ghising said. “I know of two very famous people who are transgender and they are accepted more because of it. One of them is a son of a comedian. They went to Thailand and underwent surgery to transition over there. People usually avoid gay people in the area I grew up.”

International freshman student Prachita Uprety is also from Nepal. She said people are becoming more and more accepting as celebrities are starting to come out.

“People do not think of these famous people in terms of their sexuality, but more for what they do,” Uprety said. “If you are pop-



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Northwest students discuss the controversial topic of transgender rights across the nation during the First Friday Talk held Friday, March 3.

ular, people cannot really hate you there. Phumika is a well-accepted transgender woman in Nepal. She goes to colleges and gives speeches to the students there. She is very respected by the youth and is the first transgender woman to walk the Lakme show in India.”

Both Uprety and Ghising were shocked to hear about some of the

ways transgender people are treated in other countries.

“I was shocked when I heard people got killed if they were found to be transgender in Nigeria,” Uprety said. “You cannot take somebody’s life for who they are. The fact that they would make up a fake report to cover up the evidence is just terrible. I’m glad that killing people is not the norm in Nepal.

No matter what a person does in Nepal, there is no death sentence.”

The National Conference of State Legislatures states that in the 2017 legislative session, state legislators in 14 states, including Missouri, introduced legislation that would restrict access to multi-user restrooms, locker rooms and other sex-limited facilities on the basis of

sex given at birth.

President Trump sent out a letter Feb. 22 to the Supreme Court that reverses the Obama administration’s interpretation of Title IX antidiscrimination law, which allowed transgender people to use the bathroom of their preferred gender identity.

Affinity groups create safe spaces for faculty, staff

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Northwest’s Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion has established five affinity groups to provide support for and provide an inclusive environment for faculty and staff.

The five affinity groups include the Association of Black Employees (ABE), the Ally Affinity Group, the LGBTQ+ affinity group, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Affiliate group (DEI) and the Vice President’s Advisory Council for Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

Leader of the Ally Affinity Group Cris Jacobson said the groups are designed to provide support for faculty members.

“Affinity groups are really designed to bring people together with common identities and experiences,” Jacobson said. “It can be designated as a space for people who share that particular identity to safely express their experiences without having to worry about people understanding.”

Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Juanita Simmons said the affinity groups came about as a result of simple conversation between herself and other DEI staff.

Simmons said the affinity groups are an important asset for faculty members. She said they are the most effective ways educate masses, mobilize issues, and register concerns.

Each affinity group has a unique and specific purpose and benefit for particular faculty members.

President of the Association of Black Employees Kevin C. Hawkins Jr. said the organization was formed to build a network for Northwest’s black employees.

“We have this collaboration and this network of information that we can provide for our employees and make them feel like Northwest is their home away from home, and help them build that student success, every student every day,” Hawkins said. “They have to be successful in order to empower students, and that is what we do at the ABE. We help them get through not being in their home city and not being with their friends and family. We take them on with open arms.”

The ABE is the most established group out of the five affinity groups. The group started with nine members in May 2015, and has since grown to 28 members.

Hawkins said the association seeks to be the light for Northwest’s black employees and be that same

light for marginalized students.

“If you look at our emblem, it is a helping hand followed by three stars. The largest star represents the North Star,” Hawkins said. “The North Star helped guide our ancestors to freedom for many years, most commonly told in the story of Harriet Tubman. The star was used because African Americans that were oppressed were not allowed to use a compass or use a map... However, the oppressors could not take the star out of the sky. Nor could they take away the hope that the light of the North Star brought. We would like to be that light to our marginalized students and to our black employees coming to Northwest.”

The Ally Affinity Group is the newest group, and is working through charting new territory.

Jacobson said her group is a totally new concept and establishing the group has been a learning experience so far.

“We are trying to work on creating inclusive environments for all people, where all people are valued, included and empowered,” Jacobson said. “There are not a lot of ally affinity groups, and this is really new territory for Northwest. It is wonderful that Northwest and Dr. Simmons are supporting this. Our goal, because we are new, is to let it unfold naturally and explore together what it really means to be an ally, and how we show up and work in solidarity with others.”

Jacobson said with her group, she wants to honor diversity and inclusiveness.

“Allies are interesting because our social identities are intersectional, so we find that the allies we have coming are very varied, fascinating and interesting,” Jacobson said. “As allies, it is our job to support others. That’s my vision: how do we support others and work in solidarity? I want to honor diversity, create equity and create inclusive environments, not just for students but staff and faculty too.”

The LGBTQ+ affinity group for faculty and staff is also charting new territory at Northwest. LGBTQ+ affinity group leader Beth Little said a group like this for faculty has never existed before.

“A group such as this has never been founded at Northwest before and is finally providing a venue for LGBTQ+ employees to share their experiences and voices together in a brave space,” Little said.

“The biggest goal of the group is to just have an open space for LG-

BTQ+ employees to gather, share their experiences and have some camaraderie with other identifying folks,” Little said. “That’s a space that’s not always, if ever, available inside of Maryville, so the hope is the group can create this space.”

The DEI affinity group is led by Kimberlee Ward. Ward said the main goal for the DEI affinity group is to diversify faculty and staff involvement in social justice.

“One of the goals was to have different staff and faculty involved in being an affiliate and for them to present their area of expertise that connects to social justice and diversity in some way,” Ward said. “I think the purpose of that is for staff and faculty to be more informed of social justice and diversity and also communicate that to students. Although students tend to be the main focus in diversity, equity and inclusion, it is important for faculty to have that insight as well.”

Ward said her vision for the DEI affinity group is awareness and growth.

“My hope is that they will see that social justice and diversity is part of what they do and that they are not excluded from that,” Ward said. “It’s created some discomfort, but I think that is a good thing. I think it’s good for people to sit in that discomfort because that is where growth happens, and I see a lot of conversations happening on campus that some people are comfortable with and some people are uncomfortable with. Having these conversations will be better for the students, faculty, staff and Northwest as a community.”

The final affinity group is the Vice President’s Advisory Council led by Simmons. It consists of 11 student members who serve as representatives.

“The Student Advisory Council serves as a connector between the various student organizations and the Vice President of DEI. Representation and diversity within the student advisory group includes language, gender orientation, areas of intellectual and physical ability, religion, nationality and race,” Simmons said.

Simmons said there will be significant benefit for students and faculty from these affinity groups.

Simmons said faculty and staff have been receptive to the newly-formed affinity groups. She also said the new groups will bring effective interaction, social improvements, a platform for voicing concerns and strength in numbers.

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Parking and traffic is another concern for Green. However, he said UPD is prepared to handle this as well.

“We’ve made some concessions toward parking, but most of the events will take place over the weekend so it won’t be as large an issue,” Green said. “We’ve sent out information already to the teams in regards to where parking will be available in our outskirt lots, as well as the lots around the venue.

Green said motorists should be wary of increased traffic around the stadium, but that UPD will be doing all it can to alleviate as much of that problem as possible.

“There will be some congestion around the stadium, especially when our team plays,” Green said. “But something unique we will be doing for this event is reserving a parking lot, which is east of the fine arts building, which will be a V.I.P. lot for several of the folks that will be coming in, much like what we do in football. So that will release some of that congestion.”

The lot is normally a faculty and staff lot, but during the weekend it will only be able to be used by game officials, athletic directors and anyone else with express permission from UPD. However, it will not be used during the championship game Tuesday, March 14 so faculty and staff can return to work undisrupted.

Green said the preparations should lead to a chance for UPD officers to show what they can handle.

“(The tournament) doesn’t make me nervous. It makes me excited about the opportunity for our folks who do great work to perform,” Green said. “We get to test some things, some scenarios we’ve always talked about in our arena. We get to test those and see how we perform in a different environment, so we’re just excited about the chance

to perform.”

However, not everyone in Maryville has adequate numbers to use as reference, like UPD. With this being the first time the University has hosted this tournament, the city for the most part is preparing for the unknown.

Carson’s owner Carson Riedel said while the restaurant is preparing for homecoming-like numbers, there is no way of knowing exactly what to expect from this weekend.

“It’s always exciting to be busier than usual,” Riedel said. “With no precedent for us to go off, it’s hard to guess exactly what it will be like. We’re just going to hope for the best and push on.”

McDaniel said the city is going to do all it can to ensure the visitors and residents are allowed to enjoy themselves during the weekend.

“We are preparing for increased general clean up and street maintenance in all of our neighborhoods,” McDaniel said. “We’re going to provide services for everyone that comes and hope they all have a good time.”

However, with the city as prepared as it can be, many, including Green, are excited for a weekend of championship-level basketball.

“I think this is exciting,” Green said. “This is a first for us to experience and I think it’s going to be huge for our campus and our community. It’s unreal. We have a lot of experience for football and I can go through, hand-by-hand, all of the rules and guidelines we have to follow. But this is all new, this is brand new territory because basketball is just a totally different set-up for us.”

For those looking to get more involved in the tournament atmosphere and possibly win a \$25 gift card to the bearcat bookstore or \$20 in cash, enter the Missourian D-II Bracket Challenge. Follow The Missourian and The Missourian Sports on Twitter and Facebook for information on how to win.

DISHONESTY
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For Department of Natural Sciences Chair and Professor Mark Corson, this did not always work, because many professors were reluctant to report a student the second time and give them an F.

“Cheating is a violation of trust with yourself, your professor and your classmates, and if you do that knowingly there has to be ramifications,” Corson said. “But an F for the course doesn’t give a lot of leeway. The committee’s research has shown teachers are less likely to bring up the academic dishonesty charge because they don’t want to have to give an F for the class.”

Sonnenmoser’s new policy would help create more privacy for the students facing academic dishonesty charges.

“The new system will allow the community more discretion,” Sonnenmoser said. “We’ll be better able to make the remediation or punishment commensurate with the violation. The way I see it, the Code of Academic Integrity will allow us to focus on education whenever possible and punishment whenever necessary.”

According to the Faculty Senate in the 2014-2015 academic year, 90 percent of the official academic dishonesty charges were filed by four different departments, and it is believed a majority of official charges were being brought by a minority of the teaching faculty. It was also reported that only 3 percent of faculty indicated they had not encountered academic dishonesty at Northwest.

The changes to the policy were in part influenced by Corson’s paper “Time for a Change?” The paper started conversation among the faculty about revising the policy. The chairs and directors at Northwest read Corson’s paper and asked the Academic Appeals Committee at the University to investigate the academic integrity policy.

Corson wrote his paper after looking over the University’s policy and realizing how flawed it was, and how little involvement a professor was given in the process.

“As I looked at the University policy as it stood, it gave us professors very little leeway,” Corson said. “Basically, if a faculty member believes academic dishonesty has occurred, they are obligated to report it, which with me was fine. But, you only get two strikes and that standard sanction for the course is an F, which is potentially pretty harsh. I felt that it was a time for a change and wrote the paper ‘Time For a Change?’”

Corson felt faculty needed to have more say in the policy, and all students might not be treated equally in the policy.

“One of our former administrators was concerned about the policy, and had invited me to a meeting with a number of student leaders who were concerned about academic dishonesty,” Corson said. “As we talked about academic dishonesty, it prompted me to think about three things. One is that there are opportunities for learning sometimes with academic honesty, because it is sometimes out of ignorance. But by the same token, there have to be standards and rules and by the same token, it was very important to me that the faculty play a key role in academic dishonesty.”

Sonnenmoser and the Faculty Senate also noted the issue of students not being treated equally under the policy as some students committed academic dishonesty without even realizing they were doing so.

“We worry that the policy may be expelling, from the university, not the most egregious or repeat intentional offenders, but rather students who have twice misunderstood expectations,” Sonnenmoser said. “Meanwhile, egregious or repeat offenders may, because of the uneven enforcement of the policy, continue to violate the policy with relative immunity.”

Sonnenmoser also said he believes the policy does not provide punishment for all offenders of academic dishonesty.

“Further, the policy doesn’t provide for any measures, punitive or remediating, on the first offense for students who are not enrolled in a course but knowingly assist a student enrolled in a course to violate the academic honesty policy,” Sonnenmoser said. “Nor does the current policy provide for any measures, punitive or remediating, on the first offense for

students who violate the prohibitions on unethical use of library or computer resources.”

The new policy will hold students responsible for understanding the eight areas of academic behavior, which would violate the Code of Academic Integrity. These eight areas are as follows: knowingly obtaining unauthorized aid or information, knowingly giving unauthorized aid or information, committing plagiarism from written, electronic, or internet sources, misrepresenting facts or data, offering bribes, using library resources unethically, using computer resources unethically and knowingly assisting in any of the above practices.

Corson thinks no matter how the policy changes, students should be aware of academic dishonesty and the harm that can come from it.

“When cheating occurs, basically three things happen,” Corson said. “One, the students have cheated themselves out of opportunities and have placed them in a situation where it will catch up to them, especially if they have made a pattern of cheating. Whether that be in employment or with friends or whatever the case may be, it will catch up with them. Second is that they have violated that bond of trust with their instructor. And that last component is that they have violated that bond of trust with their classmates in trying to gain an unfair advantage over them, which is particularly true if an instructor curves a class.”

In the end, Sonnenmoser hopes the Code of Academic Integrity will allow faculty to have more of a say in what happens to students who commit academic dishonesty.

“Most importantly, I think, the Code of Academic Integrity will provide a structure through which faculty can exercise more discretion in cases of academic dishonesty,” Sonnenmoser said. “Individual faculty will be able to exercise more discretion, case-by-case, in applying course-level sanctions that alter assignment or course grades.”

The Academic Integrity Panel will not only be a deterrent for students, but will hopefully help bring guidance and education to the Northwest community on issues related to academic integrity.

Blotters for the week of March 9

Maryville Department
of Public Safety

Feb. 2
Two summonses were issued to **Roy E. Ashby III**, 28, and **Joseph T. Mullings**, 23, for larceny at the 1600 block of South Main.

There is an ongoing investigation for tampering with a motor vehicle at the 1600 block of North Grand Avenue.

Feb. 22
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny from a motor vehicle at the 600 block of South Walnut.

Feb. 26
A summons was issued to **Heath R. Evans**, 21, for driving while intoxicated and failure to illuminate headlamps at the 200 block of North Saunders.

A stolen vehicle was recovered at Mozingo Lake Park.

There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 700

block of West Second Street.

Feb. 27
A summons was issued to **Samuel B. Stanton**, 23, for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to maintain right half of roadway and failure to obey a stop sign at the 100 block of East Sixth Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for a domestic disturbance at the 500 block of East First Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny from a motor vehicle at the 100 block of East Jenkins.

Feb. 28
A summons was issued to **Michael D. Hamm**, 69, for failure to tether animal at the 500 block of South Alco.

March 2
A summons was issued to **David W. Hendrix**, 54, for stealing at the 1200 block of South Main.

March 3
A summons was issued to **Madelline P. McCulley**, 19, for larceny at the 100 block of South Main.

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A woman in Washington used a pistol to shoot a drone that was flying above her home. The video captured by the drone has gone viral on YouTube. The local police later confirmed that the drone was in a public area, and the pistol was actually a pellet gun. The owner of the drone remains unknown.

A man in Cleveland, Ohio was arrested due to not being able to drive a stick. The accused car jacker attempted to steal a Ford Mustang and was unable to drive the vehicle due to the manual transmission. According to police he threatened the owner with an airsoft gun and told him how to work the gears. He is in jail with a \$100,000 bond.

A police officer in London rescued a baby squirrel from certain doom. The officer was walking his patrol when he came across the baby. The officer was able to safely return the baby to the mother. The mother had accidentally dropped the baby when they were moving to a new nest. The response to this event has an amazing amount of love on Twitter.


Eagles are the missiles of the bird world. A GoPro camera attached to a golden eagle recorded a video showing the eagle dive bombing a desert fox and catching his dinner. While the video provided does not show the fox for more than two seconds and the yips and panicked noises of the fox can be heard. The location of this event is unknown at this time.

One of the oldest professions is modernizing to catch up with modern day technology. A brothel in Barcelona now offers an experience with one of 4 unique sex dolls that cost in the upward range of \$5,500. The going rate is \$127 for one hour with a doll.

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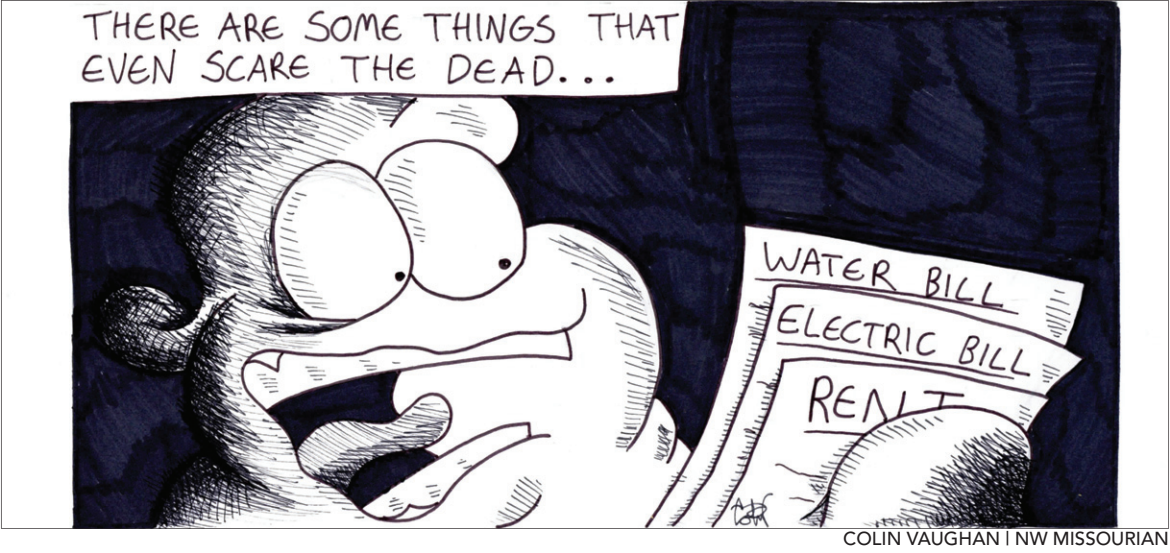


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By Peter A Collins

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

Clues Across

- 1. “ER” actress Leslie
- 5. Hebrew name for Babylon
- 10. Newts
- 14. Leaf angle
- 15. Dravidian language
- 16. Ridge on nematodes
- 17. Monetary unit
- 18. Determined the tare
- 19. Unfreeze
- 20. Merits
- 22. World’s oldest broadcasting organization
- 23. Vacation spot
- 24. December 25
- 27. Ottoman military command
- 30. Resin-like substance secreted by insects
- 31. A.C. Comics female supervillain
- 32. Insect linked to honey
- 35. Opinion
- 37. In the middle of
- 38. Basketballer Yao
- 39. Remove lid
- 40. Pressure wound therapy
- 41. Fabric
- 42. Witnessed
- 43. Defunct European economic organization
- 44. “Hotel California” rockers
- 45. When you expect to arrive
- 46. “Sleepless in Seattle” actress Ryan
- 47. Danish airline
- 48. Insecticide
- 49. Scientific instrument
- 52. Type of seal
- 55. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 56. Cavalry sword
- 60. Ottoman title
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- 63. Cold wind
- 64. Predatory reptile (abbr.)
- 65. New Jersey is one
- 66. Divulge a secret
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- 69. Romanian city

Clues Down

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- 2. S. African plants

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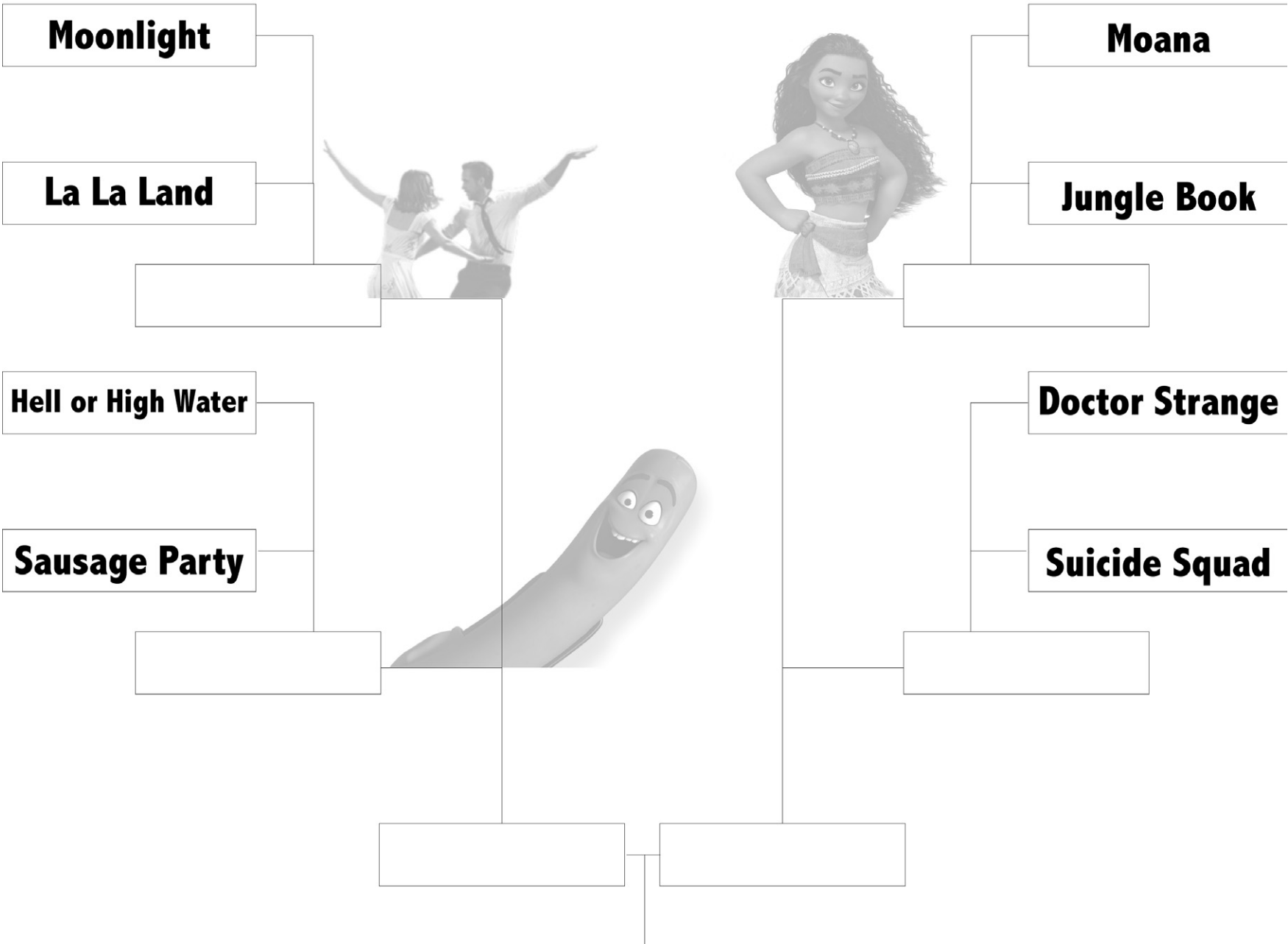
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- 11. Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist
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- 25. British Air Aces
- 26. Upset
- 27. Maltreatment
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- 40. Languish
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- 43. Electric fish
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- 46. Type of school
- 47. Erase
- 49. Educate
- 50. “Transformers” actress Fox
- 51. Spiritual leader
- 52. Every one
- 53. Site of the Taj Mahal
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The Vibe’s 2016 movie bracket



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During the month of March, it is impossible to get away from sports. The March Madness basketball tournament takes over the United States for weeks and basketball seems to be the topic of discussion for everyone.

Schools take a break from academics and have competitions where everyone fills out bracket-

ets. Workplaces and online competitions place cash prizes for the best bracket.

But here is the thing: I cannot be the only person in the world who does not care. I do not follow basketball, I do not know anything about these teams and I do not care who wins or loses.

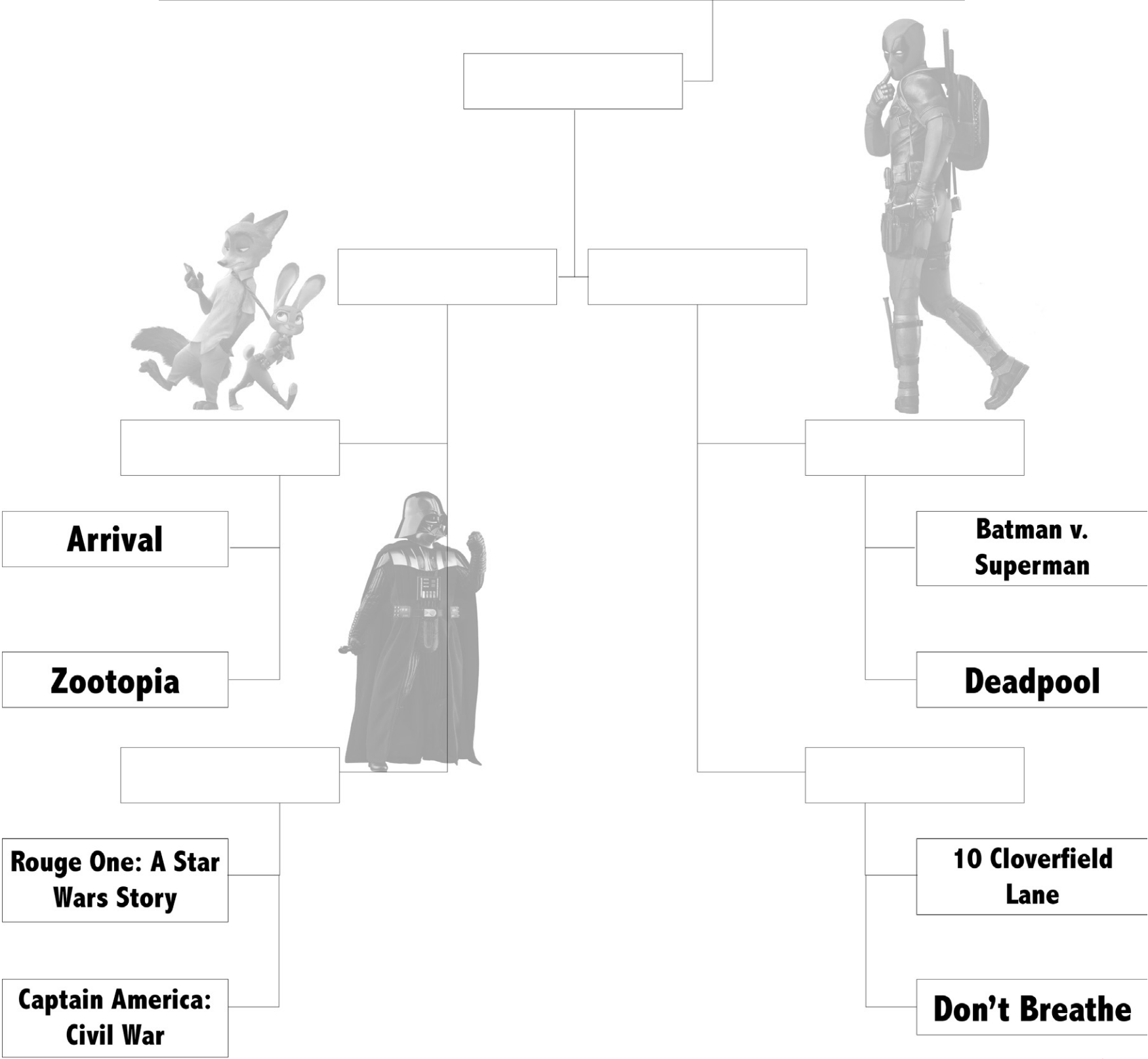
Last year was a good year for movies, though. So for people who would rather spend two hours watching a movie with a plot and characters you can relate to instead

of watching sweaty basketball players playing a game you do not care about, here is a bracket for you.

Each day, we will be tweeting out two movies pitted against each other for students and faculty to vote on. The winners will enter into the next round.

Make sure to follow our twitter (@NWM_AE) for updates and to retweet the polls so all of your friends can vote too.

Happy bracket season, Bearcats.



DARE program proves to be ineffective



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Every year, 36 million K-12 students are subjected to D.A.R.E., a drug prevention program that may actually lead to drug use.

Long before I should have even known what drugs were, I started the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program at school. The only things I got out of it were an oversized t-shirt and a magic debit card that got me free fries at McDonald’s.

At 10 years old, I was learning about things I would not face for at least another four years. Luckily for my parents, I only got into marijuana. According to a study done by Consulting and Clinical Psychology, I was not the only D.A.R.E. graduate to not resist drugs.

According to Consulting and Clinical Psychology, there is no significant statistical difference in D.A.R.E. graduate drug use and non-graduate drug use.

In 2001, economist Edward Shepard estimated that D.A.R.E. costs \$1.3 billion annually. Why are we spending so much money on a program that does not work?

According to psychologist Tana Dineen D.A.R.E. is a “feel-good program.” Though the program does not seem to work, it makes police instructors, parents, school officials and politicians feel good because it seems like the right thing to do.

If we want kids to actually resist drugs, we need to do what is actually right, not just what looks right.

In 2014, Vice Magazine interviewed seven former drug addicts who graduated from the D.A.R.E. program to get their insight.

One interviewee, Shorty, said the program was scary but even though she lost a family member due to an overdose at the time, the program still did not get through to her. She felt the need to try things on her own.

Another interviewee, Madison, was sure at the time she would never use drugs. The program teaches you about the drugs, but does not fully explain the severity of addiction.

If we are going to truly educate children to stay away from drugs and to stick to the program, we need to go about things differently.

Dustin, a Vice interviewee, said he participated in D.A.R.E. in elementary school but did not encounter drugs until much later, when everything he learned had “washed away.”

Shaundra, another interviewee, viewed what the police instructors said as a scare tactic.

“I think it’d be more effective to incorporate real, live recovering addicts, such as myself, to tell their stories if you really want to teach kids the truth about that lifestyle,” Shaundra said.

The interview that hit me the hardest was with Leandra.

“No one wakes up one morning and decides to be an addict. It is a long, dark road full of pain and heartache, compounded by a string of bad decisions which leads to more suffering,” Leandra said.

If we want children and teens to avoid this string of bad decisions, we need to use our money and police force in a more effective manner. If the D.A.R.E. program is to be continued, it needs to be completely reworked.

“One of the main things I think the program didn’t do was make it real to me. I was young, yes, but I didn’t know anyone who was or had ever been an addict, so it was like it just couldn’t happen to me. I didn’t learn that it could be anyone at anytime,” Leandra said.

I do not know the answer to keeping kids off drugs, but I do know the answer is not D.A.R.E.



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California contemplates seceding union



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Contributing Columnist

In the spring of 2019, California residents will head out to the polls to vote for the fate of the state being a part of the rest of the country. This vote will be historic and will decide by referendum if California should secede from the Union.

The “Calexit” is the consideration of California leaving the United States after President Donald Trump won the presidential election in November.

A group called Yes California Independence Campaign is hoping to gather more support for Calexit. This campaign is named after Brexit, the July referendum in the United Kingdom, in which the country voted to leave the European Union.

The group’s view is that the United States of America represents so many things that conflict with the Californian values.

The following statement is taken from the Yes California Independence Campaign’s website, yescalifornia.org.

“It is about California taking its place in the world, standing as an equal among nations. We believe in two fundamental truths: (1) Califor-

nia exerts a positive influence on the rest of the world, and (2) California could do more good as an independent country than it is able to do as just a U.S. state,” the website said.

The Yes California Independence Campaign has nine simple points for its case for independence from the United States.

Peace and Security: California would be less likely to have a terrorist attack from being guilty by association with the US. The US spends a lot of money on the military and Californians are being forced to go to fight in the wars.

Elections and Government: Votes have not counted in elections since 1876, so why bother voting for people who are not wanted, if the votes do not count.

Trade and Regulation: The U.S. Government maintains a burdensome trade system that hurts California’s economy by making trade more difficult and more expensive for California’s businesses.

Debt and Taxes: Since 1987, California has been supporting the other states at a loss of tens and sometimes hundreds of billions of dollars in a single fiscal year. As a result, it is often forced to raise taxes and charge fees in California, and borrow money from the future to make up the difference.

Immigration: Independence means

California will be able to decide what immigration policies make sense for the diverse population, culture and economy, and will then will be able to build an immigration system consistent with its values. California is the most diverse state in the United States and that is something to be proud of.

Natural Resources: Certain minerals and other natural resources like coal, oil and natural gas are extracted from California, and the state is not getting as much revenue from resources as it could.

Environment: California will be able to negotiate treaties, not only reduce the human impact on the climate, but also to help build global resource sustainability. California is a global leader in environmental issues and wants to make a stand.

Health and Medicine: California can fund the health care programs it needs and ensure everyone has access to the medicine, because taxes will no longer be subsidizing other states. California can join the rest of the industrialized world in guaranteeing health care as a universal right for all of its people.

Education: California has some of the best universities, but in various ways, the other schools are among the worst in the country. Independence means California will be able to fully fund public education, rebuild and modernize public

schools and pay public school teachers the salaries they deserve. It also means freedom from federal education policies and one-size-fits-all standards set by political appointees on the other side of the continent.

These points can make some people vote for California’s secession.

With that being said, if California does become its own country, many things will change for the rest of the United States. A few things that come to mind are that all history and geography books will have to be updated, maps will have to be remade and the U.S. flag will lose a star. Many other things will have to change as well. What about the happy cows from California that make the good cheese and milk? Those items will have to be imported into the United States for the rest of us to enjoy because California is going to be selfish with all of their happy cows.

If Trump does build the wall on the southern border, then the wall will have to also head northwest to block off California. That will show them since they don’t like Trump being President. I know we all have problems, and when we get mad, we want to run away. For example, when we were younger and got mad, we would tell our parents we were running away, but the point is, we never did. Well California, pack your bags if you are going to act this way.

OUR VIEW: Trump needs to honor transgender rights

There is a recent ignorance in the federal government regarding the rights of all human beings, and the choice to withdraw a federal guideline for transgender students only reinforces this fact.

In late February, the Trump administration rescinded guidance enacted last May by the Obama administration. The letter written by Obama was sent to schools and granted rights to transgender students.

The most notable quote from the letter stated public institutions “must not treat a transgender student differently from the way it treats other students of the same gender identity.”

Equality was a lesson taught decades ago by activists such as Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Susan B. Anthony, to name just a few. This is only a short list of the most prominently known individuals responsible for pushing humankind forward in a fight that

should have never been started.

Equality is not limited to just race, though this seems to be the pit-fall catching many of us off guard.

Equality can be defined by the Oxford Living Dictionary as “the state of being equal, especially in status, rights or opportunities.”

This definition may come automatically as something positive, as many of us are raised with the idea of fairness being an inalienable right.

The Trump administration is backpedaling not just in terms of removing the guideline, but they are also backpedaling in the area of common sense.

States have already been implementing change to their personal constitutions, supporting the decision to remove any fight against the rights of transgender citizens. But if this fight is to be won, it must be implemented on a federal level.

There are federal laws against

discrimination, but there are still blanks to be filled, as the 14th amendment does not include anything about not discriminating against people based on their sexual orientation. It is only a matter of time until equality in America is fully realized.

Equality is obvious, fair and good, and any attempt to remove rights protecting equality in any definition is a step in the wrong direction.

There is an issue present in whether granting transgender people the right to use the bathroom of their choice will result in cisgendered individuals losing their rights to feel safe. This is a common argument against gender neutral bathrooms that has no real basis.

The redundancy of these arguments is laughable, as they are largely the same arguments quickly extinguished during the fight against segregated bathrooms and schools.

It simply feels like America has been here and done that with these issues, yet there is still a group fighting to live in the past.

Even then, arguments today hold less weight than ever, thanks to a low amount of evidence supporting the arguments. The arguments mostly involve someone being fearful or uncomfortable with someone who used to be a different gender entering their bathroom. Meanwhile, there has not been a single incident of violence in a bathroom due to transgender individuals being allowed in.

However, there have been cases of sexual assault on college campuses where students are still being let off without chargers or repercussions. It is time legislators focus on problems that clearly exist.

Continuing to fight and speak out against these changes is the best thing we can do to continue to push for equality.

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Students #PackthePAC for Dance Co.

MEKA WRIGHT
Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

#PackthePAC was more than a hashtag March 3 as Bearcats flooded the doors of the Ron Houston Performing Arts Center. Students and family were ready to see a display of what the Northwest Dance Company had prepared for the Annual Spring Show.

Behind the curtains the Company sat gathered in a circle middle stage. Eyes trained up to watch their president Raegan Wagner as she addressed them.

“As we all know this is my last show. The last time I will dance on this stage with you all,” she said.

The company responded with slow head nods and tearful smiles.

“And we all know Rollens, here, will take great care of you guys as your next president... So, as is tradition,” she said grabbing the hand-me-down binder that was passed to her. “I am passing along the President’s Binder.”

The darkened stage filled with emotion as members wiped tears that had finally fallen and stood in silence as they watched the binder swap between two pairs of hands.

“When I got that binder I wanted to fix it up and make it look really cute but—I left it as it was,” Wagner said. “This night is going to be amazing... and I can’t wait to dance with you all one final time.” She wiped away tears that had fall-

en from her eyes as well. “So let’s do this.”

Down the back stairs into the dressing rooms, dancers in an array of colors swarmed. Pointed toes and delicate fingers moved half-heartedly through memorized motions, though the concentration on their faces contrasted with their nonchalant movements.

Metal-plated shoes pattered softly in one corner, while the sound of jazz shoes against the paint splattered concrete could be heard in another. Other dancers shook out the last of their nervousness as they prepared to take the stage. Soon, the audience was silenced and the curtains opened.

Senior Raegan Wagner stood alone on the stage, arms folded in front of her.

“Put your hands up! It’s time to get crunk! ” she mimicked the voice-over that boomed through the speakers. “Can I get a Yeeeahhh?”

The crowd responded instantly to the command.

“Can I get a Whuatt?” she mimicked again. Her choreographed motions inviting rest of the choreographers to the stage. “Can I get an Okaayy?”

The beat dropped and the dancers moved in unison. Each of their motions sharp with precision. Each choreographer was able to show off their specific talents as they hopped from different genres; transitioning smoothly from Jazz to Hip-Hop.

The dance ended in shrieks and a heap of button down flannels that the dancers had ripped from their waists in a final move.

The night kicked off strong with two acts of pure enjoyment. A synchronized frenzy was created as the dancers moved in between each other from the sidelines to the stage. Ponytails twisted and turned in unison with the bodies they belonged to. Exhales of exhaustion and relief echoed as dancers ended their performances.

The audience’s exhilaration was contagious, filling the building with warmth as each choreography was praised. #PackthePAC was top tweet for all Bearcats as the audience members expressed their amazements live through Twitter.

Northwest Junior Jacob Chapple enjoyed his first Dance Company show.

“The opening was not what I expected,” Chapple said. “But it was cool that they showed the process of how they prepared for the show... I just imagined there would be a poof of smoke and people dancing.”

From jazz to hip-hop, from lyrical to tap, each performance was crafted and completed with dedication. Feeding off the energy of the audience, the dancers moved with purpose, their passions showing in their movements.

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ALEXIS GEISERT | NW MISSOURIAN
Northwest Dance Company members perform during the spring showcase in the Performing Arts Center on Friday Feb. 3.

THE STROLLER:

Your Bearcat wants you to stop hooking up with your ex

I know it is hard. I know it is easy to fall into old rhythms and convince yourself if you sleep with your ex just one more time, feelings will not come back.

I hate to break it to you, but you are wrong; feelings almost always come back. Your ex will leave and you will lie to him or her and say you will not tell anyone, but three hours, half a gallon of mint chocolate chip ice cream and a bottle of wine later you and your best friend have dissected the situation to the

last text you sent after you broke up four months ago.

It is not healthy. It is impossible to hook up with someone you were once in love with and not feel anything.

You will tell yourself you will just be friends with benefits, no strings attached. But then a couple days later you are texting and your ex is not replying, and you cannot help but wonder who he or she is with or what he or she is doing.

You see your ex texting someone else when you are together and

you cannot help but feel a twinge of jealousy. You wonder who it could be, and if your ex would rather be with the other person than with you at that moment.

Your best friend is there for you at first, but you can tell he or she is starting to get annoyed. Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again while expecting a different result, is it not? So why do you keep making decisions you know will hurt you?

There is a reason you broke up

in the first place. Something was not working, and it probably had nothing to do with the bedroom.

You have to let go. As long as you are putting yourself in that position, you will never let yourself move on and be happy with someone else.

Stop comparing everyone to your ex. Stop thinking about what your ex might think when your cute coworker hits on you.

Your ex does not get to tell you you cannot date anyone, because he

or she does not have that control over your life anymore.

Chances are, you do not even miss your ex at all. You miss the idea of him or her and being in a relationship.

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English dancers dance on campus

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Move over Ginger Rogers, Maryville residents and students were dancing in circles March 3 as they learned traditional English dancing.

The event was hosted by pianist Jiwon Choi and dance caller Jerome Grisanti in the Horace Mann Gym.

Doors opened at 6:30 p.m. for people to come and learn the basic steps for all the dances. Experience levels varied from first timers to people who have been dancing for years.

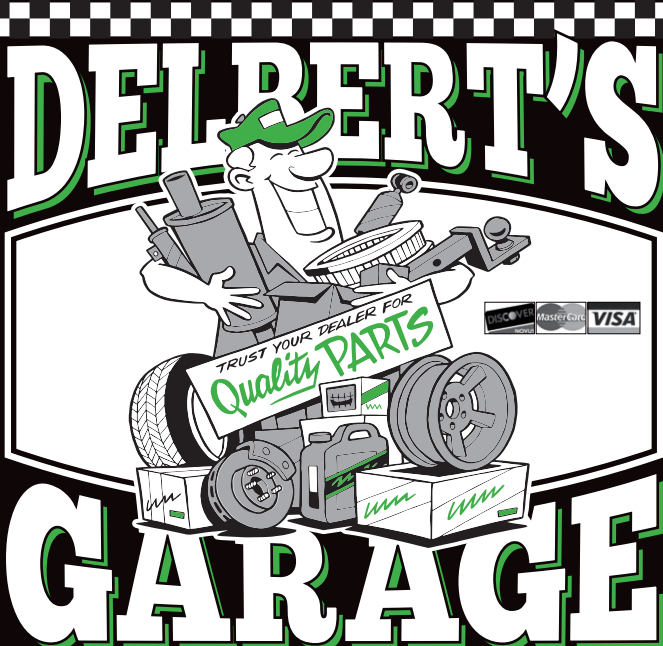
“This was my first time attending English country dancing,” freshman Megan Clasen said. “I went because my friends really enjoy doing it. I also Irish danced up until I came to Northwest, so I personally enjoy dancing and learning different styles of dance.”

Dancing started at 7 p.m. and participants learned how to do dances such as Lines of Ivy, Hole in the Wall, a waltz and a circle dance. Participants partnered up in groups of four for most of the dances and switched partners for each dance.

“It’s always fun to dance and be with my friends, but it was nice being able to dance with the other people as well,” sophomore Stephanie Borgman said. “I feel like it’s a bonding experience when you’re both just trying to figure out where you’re supposed to be so you don’t get left behind by the music.”

For many students, it was a way to meet new people and bond with friends.

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Baseball team back on track

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Northwest baseball got back on track with a resilient showing in its series versus Lindenwood.



After being swept by Northeastern, Northwest (10-6, MIAA 2-4) rebounded with a pair of victories in its three-game series with the Lions March 3-5. The Bearcats had a rollercoaster 8-7 win March 3 when their pitching took a backseat to the club's bats.

The Northwest lineup came alive, scoring eight runs on 16 hits. Coach Darin Loe said Northwest's offense made up for some slack on the mound.

"The weekend was an up and down weekend," Loe said. "I didn't think we pitched extremely well on Friday, but we came out and swung the bats real well."

After a 7-5 loss in the next game, junior Brad Roberts led the Bearcats to a 10-0 win, allowing only two hits March 5. Loe complemented Roberts' pitching.

"I thought he had dominant stuff on Sunday," Loe said. "He really kept

hitters off balance with his fastball, curveball and slider. He was able to throw inside a little bit against some of their bigger hitters."

Roberts' shutout earned him MIAA Pitcher of the Week. The effort earns Roberts a 3-2 record on the season and a team-leading 2.30 ERA. He said the performance may have been his best ever with the Bearcats.

"I had probably the best outing of my career here so far," Roberts said. "I had a really good defense behind me with some guys flying all over the place."

This was the second time this season a Bearcat pitcher was named MIAA Pitcher of the Week. With junior Joseph Hietpas earning the honor in February, Northwest sports the second best team ERA in the conference, at 3.14. Senior Anthony Caenepeel is another pitcher with a solid season, sporting a record of 3-2 and a 2.31 ERA. Roberts said the goal of all three pitchers is to be the best they can be.

"We all think we have the stuff to be the best pitcher and have the best ERA in the conference," Roberts said.

The Bearcats have also shown growing depth in the hitting department, with three players hit-

ting over .300 on the season. Junior Luke Hassman leads the team with a .340 batting average. Senior James Hollar is second with a .328, and senior Ozzie Adams is third with .319. Loe praised Northwest's offensive attack.

"On this team, you don't have that one guy you have to rely on," Loe said. "We have different guys on different days stepping up and driving in runs."

Northwest will play March 9-11 in series against Washburn (11-6, MIAA 3-3). The Ichabods are coming off a sweep of Northeastern, who already swept the Bearcats this season. Last year, Northwest had one win in a three-game series at Washburn. Roberts said he has confidence that the outcome will be different this time around.

"Last year, we didn't play too well against them," Roberts said. "I feel-with being a year older-we've improved and we stand a good chance with them."

NEXT GAME
Washburn vs Northwest
March 9-11 @ 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 2 p.m.



HANAH WOODSON | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior Joseph Hietpas hands out high-fives in the Bearcats' 10-0 win against Lindenwood March 5. Bearcats take on Washburn in Topeka this weekend.

Softball sweeps series in Joplin

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The bats came alive for the Bearcat softball team over the weekend, leading to four consecutive victories in the Teri Mathis-Zenner Tournament in Joplin.



Northwest (8-6) started the tournament March 4 with a hard-fought 8-7 win over Maryville University (9-7). Freshman outfielder Kaitlin Weis hit a solo home run to start the third inning, putting the Bearcats up 3-0. Weis and junior infielder Abigail Gilson both ended the weekend with three home runs each.

Later that day, Northwest faced off against Drury (7-9), claiming a 7-4 victory over the Panthers. Weis hit a two-run home run in the first inning, giving the Bearcats an early advantage. In the sixth inning, Gilson hit a three-run shot over the right center field fence to give the Bearcats the go ahead lead.

March 5, it was Bearcats vs. Bearcats as Northwest took on McKendree University (11-8). McKendree scored its lone run in the fourth inning, giving Northwest an easy 5-1 win. Gilson hit her second home run of the weekend to start the fifth.

The Bearcats' fourth and final game of the weekend was against Upper Iowa University (4-10). North-

west's success in the batter's box continued against the Peacocks. The Bearcats scored three runs in the second and third innings, and four in the fourth, bringing the score to 10-0 and forcing the mercy rule to take effect after five. Gilson and Weis were at it again, both hitting their third home runs of the tournament.

Coach Ryan Anderson said his athletes battled through several injuries, and a disappointing 2-4 finish last weekend forced them to step up and earn wins in Joplin.

"Compared to the previous weekend that we played-where the first three games we lost one of our players-we finally had some consistency going," Anderson said. "We still have some people not hitting where they want to, but we were able to fill in and other people really stepped up."

Junior pitcher Holly Posegate had a very impressive weekend. She got her first save of the season closing out the first game against Maryville University.

Posegate worked the seventh inning, only allowing one hit and no walks. In the second game of the day, Posegate struck out three batters and earned her fourth win of the season. She closed out the weekend with another win against Upper Iowa, pitching all five innings without allowing any walks and only two hits.

Posegate said she was very happy with her performance and was glad to have a strong defense backing her up on the field.

"I felt really confident about how I played," Posegate said. "I was just trying to throw strikes and get outs, and it helps when I have really good defense behind me."

Posegate said the wins this past weekend gave players a huge bump in morale, which will help them mentally prepare for the games coming up.

"We are pretty confident," Posegate said. "Coming off this weekend we feel like we could beat just about anybody right now. It was a big confidence boost for us."

The Bearcats changed their schedule for this week due to weather concerns over the weekend. They were originally set to face off against William Jewell in Liberty Wednesday, but that game has been postponed.

Anderson said one of the most important things for his players to keep in mind is that no matter who you are playing, there is still a chance you could win or lose, and that all depends

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Lindenwood at Northwest
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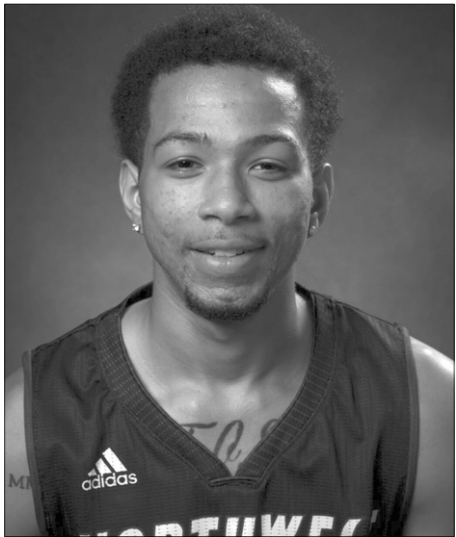


Justin Pitts

Kaitlin Weis

Eli Dowis

John Zimmerman



The junior guard was named the MIAA Tournament's Most Outstanding Player for the second consecutive year. Pitts scored a total of 80 points through the three games, picking up a conference tournament championship.

The freshman utility player hit three home runs through four games in Joplin March 4-5. Weis has compiled a .417 batting average through the first 14 games of the season.

The sophomore racked up 24 points in a 69-61 loss to Hogan Prep in the Class 3 quarterfinals. Three points came in the three-point range.

The senior scored 23 points in a 69-61 loss to Hogan Prep in the Class 3 quarterfinals. A total of 12 came in the fourth quarter. Six points came from the three-point range

Resilience



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior Matt Connelly was recently awarded a scholarship for the 2017 football season.

Walk-on linebacker works into ‘Bearcat way’

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As a senior at Westside High School in Omaha, Nebraska, Matt Connelly knew he wanted to take his talents to the collegiate level.

Named as a Nebraska All-State first-team performer during the same season, the linebacker proved he had the potential to do so, catching the eye of Northwest linebacker coach Chad Bostwick.

While Connelly felt there was not a lot of pressure for him to get to Northwest, he decided to go on a game day visit.

On the visit, he met Chief of University Police Clarence Green. Green, a former member of the football program himself, was the first person Connelly interacted with from the University.

Fast forward four years later, Green was brought in by coach Rich Wright following spring practice March 2 for what appeared to be an inspirational speech.

Instead, Green announced the football team was offering the junior a team scholarship.

“It all kind of hit me at once,” Connelly said. “All the hard work I’ve put in over the years. It really just kind of hit me and it felt awesome.”

Listed as a 5-11 linebacker weighing in at 227 pounds, Connelly has spent the past two national championship seasons establishing an identity for himself.

“He brings excitement and energy to everything he does,” Wright said. “He makes the program better because of his intensity and his energy. To the core, that is what culture is all about.”

He has mainly participated in special teams, but has also played defensive snaps.



“Obviously, being a competitor, I expect some success, but definitely not as much,” Connelly said. “It has been surreal these last two years.”

This past season, he sat behind former Bearcat Jacob Vollstedt. In the process, the junior recorded eight solo tackles, and was assisted in nine. He also assisted in one tackle on special teams for a loss of five yards.

“He just refuses to not get himself onto the field,” Wright said. “It can sometimes be hard for a walk-on. He just continues to perceive and he got better every single year, and he has waited his turn.”

The Northwest football program has not historically offered scholarships until the end of the spring season. Wright and his staff decided to offer a scholarship to add more energy into the final 14 spring practices.


Connelly is one of two athletes who have been offered a scholarship this spring. Junior offensive lineman Trey Kothe also received a scholarship.

Northwest graduate Kevin Berg is a notable example of earning a scholarship as a walk-on. Berg went from being a walk-on redshirt freshman to being named as an All-American.

Junior running back Jordan Grove is another walk-on which has worked his way to success on the field.

“It’s kind of an honor walking on to the program, and watching how some of those players have turned into big assets for our team,” Connelly said. “It’s truly an honor to be in the same recognition as those guys.”

Wright added that Connelly’s effort on the field represents the true meaning of the Bearcat way. He represents an example of what Wright would like each freshman to work towards.



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DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN
Nodaway County Rugby Team works on a scrum at practice March 6.

Rugby Club flourishes

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Northwest rugby has laid dormant for too long and students are taking the initiative to teach others the sport they love.

The on-campus rugby club started this past January as an informational club that teaches those who attend about the rules of rugby, and gives those who express interest a platform. The club works with the local Nodaway County Rugby Club to ensure proper education on the rules and to create a gateway between the two for those who would like to take a shot at playing.

“The goal of the club is to pro-



mote the sport of rugby,” Vice President of Northwest Rugby Club Derek Method said.

The Rugby Club only has one female member but wants more women to join. The University was not shy in helping the club grow by letting it have a sign-up table during the Student Organization Fair at Bearcat Arena this past February.

“This really helped us grow and nearly doubled our members alone,”

President of the Campus Rugby Club Shane Miller said.

Rugby is not just growing in Maryville, it is becoming more and more popular for people all around, as U.S. rugby is being offered to youth and high school students nationwide as an alternative to sports already offered.

“We’re just trying to get the word out to those that are interested,” Method said. “It really is an enjoyable game”.

Both President and Vice President of Northwest Rugby Club, Miller and Method play for the Official Nodaway County Rugby Club and are qualified for their on-campus positions. Method plays inside and outside backer, while Miller’s position was not specified.

The Nodaway County Rugby Club games are on Saturdays except during a tournament. During tournaments, games take place both Saturday and Sunday. The team plays at various fields, with most of its games on the road.

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MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Missouri Western.....	9-7	6-0
Emporia St.....	13-3	3-0
Central Missouri.....	13-3	5-1
Central Oklahoma.....	12-3	4-2
Missouri Southern.....	11-7	4-2
Washburn.....	11-6	3-3
Northeastern St.....	9-6	3-3
Lindenwood.....	9-7	3-3
NORTHWEST.....	10-6	2-4
Southwest Baptist.....	10-6	1-5
Fort Hays St.....	7-10	1-5
Pittsburg St.....	7-10	1-5
Nebraska Kearney.....	7-8	0-3

March 9-11
Washburn at Northwest

NW SOFTBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Central Oklahoma.....	11-3	2-0
Northeastern St.....	9-10	2-0
Missouri Western.....	16-4	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	13-5	0-0
Pittsburg St.....	14-6	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	8-6	0-0
Emporia St.....	13-11	0-0
Lindenwood.....	6-6	0-0
Missouri Southern.....	9-12	0-0
Fort Hays St.....	6-12	0-0
Central Missouri.....	6-13	0-0
Lincoln.....	2-14	0-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	1-16	0-0
Washburn.....	10-15	0-4

March 9
Lincoln at Northwest (DH)

March 10
Lindenwood at Northwest (DH)

NW MEN’S BASKETBALL

NCAA Division II Tournament Central Region

Northwest Missouri	March 12 5 p.m.	March 14 7 p.m.	Moves on to Elite 8 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota
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Arkansas Monticello	March 12 12 p.m.		
Augustana (S.D.)			
Southwest Minnesota	March 11 @ 3:15 p.m.	Arkansas Tech	
East Central			
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ISIAH SWANN | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Fin Glowick prepares to swing his backhand shot in a 6-1 (unfinished) win over Washburn University. Glowick won his singles match 6-3,6-4 March 8 at the Maryville high rise courts.

Tennis draws competition from nation’s best

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After competing against two of the top-25 schools in the country and a Division I giant, Northwest tennis must march on.

After defeating Division I opponent University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) (6-4) in a 6-1 route March 1, the No. 12 Bearcat men (3-1) followed up with another quick victory over No. 15 Midwestern State (4-3) 5-0 two days later.

Coach Mark Rosewell picked up his 1,048th career victory after the Midwestern State thumping and is excited for this season’s upcoming potential.

“We beat them bad,” Rosewell said. “That’s a good win and we have a good team.”

In Northwest’s next match ver-

sus the University of Indianapolis (4-2), handed Northwest its first loss of the season March 4 in a swift 5-0 defeat. The Greyhounds have left an impressive footprint on the Division II tennis spectrum after clinching the ITA Midwest Region Tournament Oct. 1.

“This year is probably the toughest schedule we’ve had in the four year’s I’ve been here,” senior Fin Glowick said. “We came out strong and but we managed to get through it.”

Glowick has began the year red hot with a trio of singles victories and remains undefeated through the Bearcats first four matches after picking up victories in the No. 6 position.

Glowick played a prominent role in a (6-1 unfinished by time of publication) Northwest men victory

over Washburn (7-2) March 8.

“He’s really money in the bank,” Rosewell said. “He’s going to win us a lot of matches this spring and he’s a good player.”

The 25-time MIAA Coach of the Year also noted that playing indoors substantially affected the Bearcat defeat.

“We’re not an indoor team,” Rosewell said. “Tennis is an outdoor sport. It was 70 degrees outside and no wind and they (University of Indianapolis) wouldn’t play us. They practice indoors and the court surface is huge and that gave them a huge advantage.”

On the women’s side, Northwest’s success has been unclear. After falling in their first two matches, Northwest had a 3-3 tie with Washburn with a trio of singles matches to play. Results were not able to be

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Rosewell is confident even with four of his six varsity spots being occupied by freshman.

“We just have to be patient,” Rosewell said. “We’re just going to get better, and I think we will be seeing some really good results midway through the season.”

Junior Margaux Jacquet has picked up two doubles victories with the help of freshman Tess Lovig. The comfort of getting that first victory March 4 overwhelmed the experienced junior.

“During match point, I volleyed to finish the match and I just screamed,” Jacquet said. “I was so happy and felt like me and Tess can play together.”

Rosewell said Jacquet has been

a vocal leader on the team and will be taking an even more advanced leadership role as the season goes on. Jacquet not only leads by example, but also plays through any injury that comes her way.

“She’s one that plays hurt,” Rosewell said. “She will go out and try to play every time, and she will give it everything she’s got.”

Rosewell pointed out that the start to Northwest’s tennis season is usually a slow one. The men have played three matches this season while the women have only competed in two.

Most competition the Bearcats have faced so far have competed in a minimum of five matches.

Rosewell has no doubt the women will get back on track as the middle of the season approaches.

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